



Sand Beach, Spring 2019

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Acadia Team Newsletter DateW/E 2/16/2024

On the Horizon:

- 2/17 to 2/25 February Vacation
- 2/28 and 3/7 Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM
- 2/29 ** note new date**
Community Conversations about *Night and Man's Search for Meaning* 9:30 AM (part of community cafe), evening option at 7 PM. Parents and community members are welcome to participate. Please let Mrs. Roesner know if you are interested in being part of the discussions:
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- 2/29: 8th grade parent night at MCHS

- Winter Carnival Week: After vacation!
- Theme Days:
 - Monday: Anything but a backpack day, objects must be things that can safely be carried around the school.
 - Tuesday: Decade Day by grade level Pick a decade to dress up as from 1950's to the 2000's
 - Wednesday: Famous Duo or group Day from movies, cartoons, or video games
 - Thursday: Minion Day
 - Friday: School Spirit Day - Wear your team color.
- 3/1 Winter Carnival Assembly & Cardboard Sled Races

Needs on-team:

All set :)

In our classes:

20th Century Change & Challenge:

This week we looked at details of life and change in the 1930's. The New Deal changed

millions of lives and the relationship between citizens and the federal government. Students looked at many new acts or agencies,



like Social Security, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and the FDIC. Students focused on one of the acts and created a meme or slide explaining its mission and impact.

A reality of the 1930's were the Jim Crow race laws in much of the country. Students learned about them as well.

20th Century Conflict:



It's 1940, and WWII is raging and the US wants to stay out. Germany has defeated France and taken control of Europe except for Britain, which stands alone. We are looking at the US where popular opinion is isolationist but many see the need for the US to help. Over resistance, the US starts aiding Britain and begins the first peacetime draft. Students looked at some of the hundreds of Dr. Seuss drawings made about the war. His work is quality propaganda that captured the political and war events of the time. Check it out at this site:

[Dr. Seuss goes to war](#)

The Last of Human Freedoms:

Students are preparing for our conversations with our community about our

reading. We've finished reading Night and Man's Search for Meaning. This week, students wrote and



considered questions for the discussion and even answered a few with textual evidence. After vacation, some students will be facilitators of the book circles! It can be scary to take on a leadership role when one is surrounded by adults and peers and we're excited to see our students rise to this challenge.

Never Fail to Protest:

We've taken the next step in our writing process! Students were expected to pass in their rough drafts of their persuasive essays on Friday.

(Mrs. Roesner is still missing several, so it may be good to check in with your student to be sure it's complete.) After vacation students will put the finishing touches on their presentations and the lessons they started at the beginning of the trimester. Students will have the opportunity to present their lessons



to their peers in the last few weeks
of the trimester.